

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

JAMIE AKERS,

Plaintiff,

V.

ASTRAZENECA PHARMACEUTICALS, LP, )

Defendant.

Case No. CIV-23-01067-JD

December 2025 TRIAL DOCKET

### SCHEDULING ORDER

Date 10/31/2024

Judge Jodi W. Dishman

Deputy Clerk Nyssa Vasquez

The Court is in receipt of the parties' report under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) [Doc. No. 29], and upon review issues this scheduling order with input from counsel on modification to dispositive motions deadline. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(1)(A). The parties are ORDERED to file a motion for a status conference if needed in the future or to indicate a conference is needed in the midway discovery joint status report required in paragraph 21 below.

☒ JURY TRIAL DEMANDED - ☐ NON-JURY TRIAL

**THE FOLLOWING DEADLINES ARE SET BY THE COURT**

1. Motions to **join additional parties** to be filed by within 14 days of this order.
2. Motions to **amend pleadings** to be filed by within 14 days of this order.
3. Plaintiff to file final list of **expert witness(es)** in chief and serve **expert reports** by May 23, 2025.  
  
Defendant to file final list of **expert witness(es)** in chief and serve **expert reports** by June 6, 2025.  
  
4. Plaintiff to file a final list of **witnesses**, together with addresses and brief summary of expected testimony where a witness has not already been deposed, by June 6, 2025.\*
5. Defendant to file a final list of **witnesses** (as described above) by June 20, 2025.  
  
Plaintiff to file final **exhibit list** by June 6, 2025.  
  
Defendant to file final **exhibit list** by June 20, 2025.  
  
Plaintiff to file **objections** to plaintiff's final exhibit list, under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3)(B) by June 20, 2025.  
  
Defendant to file final **exhibit list** by June 20, 2025.  
  
Plaintiff to file **objections** to defendant's final exhibit list, under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3)(B) by July 7, 2025.  
  
\*The listing of witnesses and exhibits shall separately state those expected to be called or used and those which may be called or used if the need arises.

**\*The listing of witnesses and exhibits shall separately state those expected to be called or used and those which may be called or used if the need arises. Except for good cause shown, no witness will be permitted to testify and**

- no exhibit will be admitted in any party's case in chief unless such witness or exhibit was included in the party's filed witness or exhibit list.**
6. **Discovery** to be completed by August 6, 2025.  
  
**All discovery motions shall be filed at least 30 days in advance of the discovery deadline absent extraordinary circumstances.**
  7. All **dispositive and *Daubert* motions** to be filed by September 5, 2025.
  8. **Trial docket December 2, 2025.**\*\*  
  
\*\*The published trial docket will announce the trial setting on the trailing docket. Pretrial conferences will be held approximately two weeks in advance.
  9. **Designations of deposition testimony** to be used at trial to be filed by October 29, 2025. Objections and counter-designations to be filed by November 5, 2025. Objections to counter-designations to be filed by November 12, 2025.
  10. **Motions *in limine*** to be filed by October 29, 2025.\*\*\*  
  
\*\*\***Motions *in limine* shall be consolidated into a single filing that is subject to the page limitation in LCvR7.1(e). The motion must include a certificate of conference reciting the efforts made to confer with opposing counsel regarding motions *in limine*. Parties are expected to include only disputed issues in their motion *in limine*. Parties must attach to the motion or otherwise submit to the Court the disputed evidence that is at issue.**
  11. **Requested voir dire** to be filed by October 29, 2025.
  12. **Trial briefs** (optional unless otherwise ordered) to be filed by October 29, 2025.
  13. Requested **jury instructions** to be filed on or before October 29, 2025.\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*The parties must submit an agreed set of **Joint Jury Instructions** and, if applicable, separate jury instructions that are unique to each party. Plaintiff shall be responsible for circulating the first draft of Joint Jury Instructions at least ten (10) days before October 29, 2025.  
  
**The parties must submit their proposed Joint Jury Instructions and, if applicable, separate supplemental jury instructions and findings of fact and conclusions of law in Word format to the Clerk via the Court's designated mailbox: [dishman-orders@okwd.uscourts.gov](mailto:dishman-orders@okwd.uscourts.gov). If the parties are using pattern jury instructions, they must redline any proposed deviations to the pattern instructions in the copy submitted to the Court's designated mailbox.**
  14. Proposed **findings of fact and conclusions of law** to be filed not later than October 29, 2025.\*\*\*\*
  15. Any **objection or response to the trial submissions** referenced in ¶¶ 10, 11, 12, 13, or 14 to be filed by November 12, 2025. Any response to motions *in limine* shall be consolidated and subject to the page limitation in LCvR7.1(e). No replies will be permitted, unless ordered by the Court.
  16. The **Final Pretrial Report**, approved by all counsel, and in full compliance with LCvR16.1(c)(1) (See Appendix IV), shall be filed by plaintiff's counsel. A proposed order approving the report shall be submitted to the Court via the Court's designated mailbox: [dishman-orders@okwd.uscourts.gov](mailto:dishman-orders@okwd.uscourts.gov), October 29, 2025.

The **Final Pretrial Report** shall include as an attachment and/or exhibit the following: (i) a list of “Joint Exhibits” to be used at trial by all parties, and (ii) separate exhibit lists for exhibits that are unique to each party (“Plaintiff’s Additional Exhibit List” and “Defendant’s Additional Exhibit List”).

17. This case is referred to ADR:

- ☐ Mediation, by agreement of the parties, exempt from LCvR16.3.
- ☐ Court-Ordered Mediation subject to LCvR16.3.
- ☐ Judicial Settlement Conference
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

If the Court orders mediation, the process shall be completed and the parties shall communicate by notice to the Court stating whether the case settled by \_\_\_\_\_.

18. The parties consent to trial by a Magistrate Judge. Yes ☐ or No ☒
19. **Initial disclosures** pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 have been made ☐; are excused ☐; or ☒ shall be made not later than **November 11, 2024**.
20. Documents referenced within the initial disclosures pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 have been made ☐; are excused ☐; or ☒ shall be made not later than **November 11, 2024**.
21. The Court further ORDERS counsel for the parties to advise this Court through a brief **Joint Status Report** of any and all updates regarding the status of discovery (including the relevant dates of written, deposition, and third-party discovery), anticipated motions, and overall status of this case by **Thursday, March 20, 2025**. Plaintiff’s counsel shall initiate the report and circulate a draft to all other parties at least seven (7) days before the filing deadline. Plaintiff’s counsel shall be responsible for filing the report by the deadline.
22. **Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 1, 6(b), and 16(b)(4), and good cause/excusable neglect standards for extensions discussed.** *Case Citations: Pioneer Inv. Servs. Co. v. Brunswick Assocs. Ltd. P’ship*, 507 U.S. 380 (1993); *Tesone v. Empire Mktg. Strategies*, 942 F.3d 979 (10th Cir. 2019); *Gorsuch, Ltd., B.C. v. Wells Fargo Nat’l Bank Ass’n*, 771 F.3d 1230 (10th Cir. 2014); *United States v. Torres*, 372 F.3d 1159 (10th Cir. 2004).
23. For additional requirements, please see *Judge Dishman’s Chamber Procedures for Civil Cases and Civil Cases: Guidelines for Protective Orders on Confidentiality, Sealing Documents, and Redactions*, available on the Court’s website under Chambers Rules.
24. Other: The Court advises of the following:
- a) Chambers Procedures and Guidelines for Protective Orders on Confidentiality, Sealing Documents, and Redactions for Civil Cases. Any future filings that do not comply with this Court’s Local Rules, W.D.O.K. ECF Policies & Procedures Manual, or the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure will be stricken. All parties (whether pro se or represented) are held to the same rules and standards.
  - b) **Stipulated Facts.** The Court advises that stipulated facts can always be supplemented and filed in this case.

- c) **Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.1 on constitutional challenge.** The Joint Status Report confirms there is no constitutional challenge at issue. [See Doc. No. 29 at ¶ 5].
- d) **Anticipated Motions.** Motions for Summary Judgment must be filed in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 56 and LCvR56.1. Should the parties desire to enter a protective order on confidentiality in this case, the deadline to do so is without delay, and the parties are directed to use this Court's form, with any redlines. The Court's judicial assistant has e-mailed a copy of this Court's protective order form on October 22, 2024.
- e) **Depositions.** Through this Order, the Court reminds the parties they are expected to reach stipulations and agreements regarding number of depositions and scheduling depositions by videoconference, telephone, or remote means, as provided by Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(b)(4). However, should any disputes arise that counsel for the parties cannot resolve they are ordered to bring such matter to the Court's attention immediately.
- f) The Court reminds counsel through this Order of the legal standards for modification of deadlines in this Order in paragraph 22. Discovery scope is governed by Rule 26(b)(1). **Pursuant to this Order, the parties are reminded of obligation to supplement discovery responses and initial disclosures under Rule 26(e).**
- g) **Scheduling Order Deadlines.** The Court sets this case on the **December 2025 Jury Trial Docket.**
- h) **ADR.** The parties are advised that at any point should they desire a Court-Ordered Mediation or Judicial Settlement Conference, to contact Courtroom Deputy, Nyssa Vasquez (at least 60 days in advance for a judicial settlement conference). Additionally, should the parties resolve this matter, counsel may reach out to Courtroom Deputy, Nyssa Vasquez, for an Administrative Closing Order.

Dated this 31st day of October 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT  
JOAN KANE, CLERK OF COURT

By: /s/ Nyssa Vasquez  
Deputy Clerk

Copies to all parties